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(Case No. 97,253-A)

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In the Application of:

Barendse et al.

Serial No.: 09/089,871

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For: High-Activity Phytase Compositions



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 1999, which embodies a restriction requirement, please consider the following remarks and enter the following amendments.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-17, 29-30 and 36-38, without prejudice to their pursuit in co-pending continuing applications. Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

18. (Amended) A phytase-containing granulate prepared by a process [according to claim 13] comprising processing a solid carrier comprising at least about 15% (w/w) of an edible carbohydrate polymer and an aqueous liquid comprising a phytase at a concentration of at least 14,000 FTU/g.

31. (Amended) A composition comprising:

- (a) a granulate according to claim [19] 18;
- (b) a phytase-containing granulate with an activity of at least about 6,000 FTU/g; or
- (c) both a granulate according to (a) and a phytase-containing granulate according to (b).

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified patent application:

X Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement

X Petition for Extension of Time

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2. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

3. CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope address to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on November 29, 1999.

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